

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 30 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 19, 23, 32, 33, 36 and 37 are currently being amended. No new matter has been added.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-7, 10-24, 26-29 and 32-40 are now pending in this application.

In paragraph 1, Claims 23-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Ogura et al. in view of Mills et al. In paragraph 4, the Examiner recommends adding language to the rejected Claim 23 to place the case in condition for allowance. This language has been added. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2, Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 1 and 19 have been amended. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

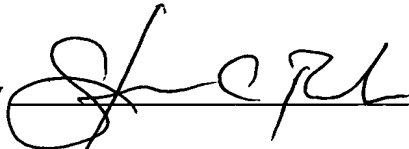
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment,

to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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